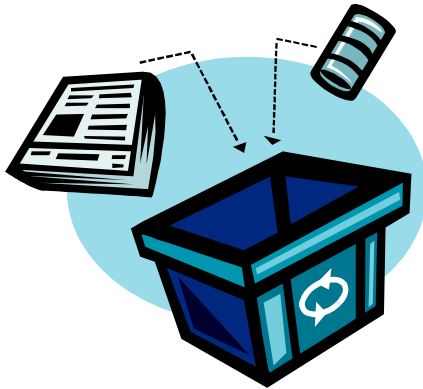


15 Fun Facts About Recycling

In 2006, Americans produced approximately 251 million tons of garbage, and recycled 82 million tons of materials.



It takes 95 percent less energy to make aluminum cans from recycled cans than to make them from raw ore.

It takes only about 60 days for an aluminum can to be recycled, made into a new can, and returned to the grocery store shelf.

In America, 100 million steel cans are used each day.

The steel industry recycles about 630 cans each second.

Recycled glass beverage containers can be used for roads, marbles, decorative tile, and surfboards.

There are over 8,500 curbside recycling programs in the United States, and over 3000 community composting programs.

Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water.

According to the Kentucky Division of Waste Management, on average Kentuckians produce approximately 6 pounds of garbage per person per day.

American Recycles Day is observed on November 15 every year.



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On average, 113,204 aluminum cans are recycled every minute.

The chasing arrow symbol means the product or packaging is recyclable.

An estimated 1.5 billion pounds of e-waste (electronic waste) was produced in the U.S. in 2006.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, approximately 25.3% of all glass containers were recycled in 2006.



Recycling 5 plastic soda bottles can produce enough fiber for one square foot of carpet.

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